

Maryland Health Care Commission
Technical Advisory Group on Oversight of Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Services

Introduction

During the 2011 regular session, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 1182, *Certificates of Need – Percutaneous Coronary Interventions Services*. Approved by the Governor on May 19, 2011, Chapter 616 of the Acts of 2011 becomes effective on July 1, 2011, and remains effective until June 30, 2012. During this one-year period, the law prohibits a hospital from establishing a non–primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) program or providing non–primary PCI services unless the hospital was operating a PCI program on January 1, 2011, through:

- (1) a certificate of need for an open heart surgery program; or
- (2) a non–primary waiver in good standing from certificate of need and State Health Plan requirements, issued by the Maryland Health Care Commission.

The law requires the Maryland Health Care Commission, on or before December 31, 2011, to:

- (1) develop recommendations for statutory changes needed to provide appropriate oversight of PCI services; and
- (2) report its recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

Purpose

This Technical Advisory Group will advise and assist the Maryland Health Care Commission in making recommendations on possible legislative changes related to oversight of PCI procedures. The following are activities and discussion questions within the scope of the advisory group’s work:

Activities:

- Discuss current statutory authority regarding PCI services.
- Identify limitations in PCI oversight.
- Consider recommendations for external peer review of PCI procedures.
- Make recommendations for possible legislative changes.

Questions:

- How can the oversight of PCI services provided at cardiac-surgery hospitals be aligned with oversight of PCI services at hospitals without on-site cardiac surgery?
- How can PCI data-sharing across State agencies be strengthened?
- How can hospital quality initiatives be modified and enhanced through the use of existing data that PCI programs collect and report systematically?